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untenable situation regarding the problem of ship electricians. sent back to Koenigsberg two men the personnel office of the BYETREST MURMANSK had hired as electricians

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In some cases electricians were engaged who, although being good specialists, were unfit as seafaring electricians because they got seasick at the slightest motion of the sea. the merchant marine had such poor specialists in the electrical field

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The reason why the Soviet merchant fleet is so short of electrical engineers is not only the fact that the increase in merchant vessels steeply curves upward; it also results from the general electrification of the country, in particular during the past few years, the requirements of the heavy industry and, last but not least, those of the armed forces. The Government colleges for electrical engineers, the electrical courses conducted at the navigation schools, the 6 to 9 month-courses of the Navy, could not meet the demands for electricians and electrical engineers. The supply of electricians and electrical engineers for the merchant fleet stands in the last place because, aside from other reasons, the Ministry of Shipping is unable to assert itself with the government. In addition, one must not overlook the fact that the Soviet-born man is rather a landlubber than a Viking.

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this situation could not be altered as simply and quickly as it seemed to be possible at first sight. There was only one way out of the difficulty: To build colleges for electrical engineers. In order to rouse the interest of the young people in this seafaring speciality, it would be necessary to increase canvassing campaigns with the komasmolets and grant the new group certain privileges. although it would take a lot of time, this method would prove successful in the long run.

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